

5 Discuss these questions.

- 1 In what other ways can people present themselves online (e.g. role-playing games or professional websites)?
- 2 Look at these online profile images. Why do you think each person chose them?
- 3 Can you think of other types of profile photo? What would you typically see in them?



What defines you?

LISTENING

- 1 **a** 1.11 Listen to Norman, Olga, Liam and Jane answering the question 'What defines you?' What is the defining factor in each case?
b 1.11 Listen again and make notes on these questions.
 - 1 Which two people mention other countries or cultures? How were they influenced by them?
 - 2 Which two people talk about when they were younger? How was their sense of self different then?
 - 3 What people do they all mention as being important in defining who they are?

LANGUAGE FOCUS

Talking about identity

- 2 **a** Match expressions 1–8 from the recording with sentence endings a–h.

1 I think of my identity partly in terms of	a my friends.
2 I need to feel part of	b my background.
3 My life is centred a lot on	c a happy person.
4 What defines me most is	d my stay in other countries.
5 I'm a product of	e the people I like.
6 I see myself as	f my children rather than on myself.
7 I like to think that I'm reflected in	g where I come from.
8 What has also had a great influence on me was	h a close circuit of friends.

b Check the script on p147.

SPEAKING

- 3 What defines you as a person?
 - 1 Work alone. Think about these categories:

• nationality.	• religion.	• clothes and appearance.
• language.	• your family.	• where you grew up.
• your work or job.	• belonging to a group.	• personality traits.
 - 2 Think about expressions in 2a you could use to talk about your identity.
 - 3 Compare with other students. Did you define yourselves in similar ways?
 - 4 Which categories do you think are the most and least important?